

ABSTRACT

A network management system includes a plurality of communications apparatuses for performing communications through a network, an equipment management apparatus, connected to at least one of the communications apparatuses through the network, for monitoring and controlling the connected communications apparatuses, and a directory apparatus for managing connection relations between the plurality of communications apparatuses and the equipment management apparatus. The equipment management apparatus includes a directory client for transmitting an obtaining request for obtaining a connection relation and receiving the connection relation corresponding to the obtaining request. The directory apparatus includes a directory information base for storing the connection relations and a directory server for receiving the obtaining request from the directory client, searching the directory information base in order to detect the connection relation corresponding to the obtaining request, and transmitting the connection relation having been detected to the directory client.

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